

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2004-178-E - ORDER NO. 2004-525
OCTOBER 25, 2004

IN RE: Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas)	ORDER GRANTING
Company for Approval of an Increase in its)	EXTENSION FOR
Rates and Charges.)	REBUTTAL
)	TESTIMONY

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company) for an extension of time within which SCE&G is required to file the Company's rebuttal testimony regarding SCE&G's Application for approval of an increase in the Company's rates and charges. SCE&G was originally scheduled to file any rebuttal testimony on or before October 20, 2004, as set forth in letter of the Commission dated July 12, 2004, which established prefiling deadlines for the instant docket.

On September 29, 2004, SCE&G, through its counsel, filed a request that the Company's deadline for filing rebuttal testimony be extended for one week from October 20, 2004, to October 27, 2004. SCE&G advises that the Company received a copy of a request by the Commission Staff (Staff) for a one week extension of time for Staff to prefile its direct testimony and exhibits in the instant proceeding. According to SCE&G, the Company is very mindful of the reasoning for which the Staff has requested an extension; however, SCE&G states that the Company is concerned with the effect the

Staff's request will have on SCE&G's ability to adequately prepare and file rebuttal testimony, especially with regard to the availability of the Company's outside witnesses to work on this testimony. SCE&G states that if the Commission grants the Staff's request for a one week extension for filing testimony and exhibits, SCE&G respectfully requests that the Company be granted an extension for filing its rebuttal testimony for a like period, from October 20, 2004, to October 27, 2004.

Upon consideration of the request of SCE&G, the Commission finds sufficient cause to grant modification to the date for filing rebuttal testimony in the instant docket. At the Commission's weekly agenda meeting on September 30, 2004, the Commission granted the Staff's request for a one week extension for Staff to prefile its direct testimony and exhibits, and accordingly issued Order No. 2004-520 which granted Staff's extension request. We find that due process will be served by allowing SCE&G the same time period for filing the Company's rebuttal testimony as allowed the Staff for filing its direct testimony and exhibits and further find that no party will be prejudiced by granting SCE&G's request for an extension for filing the Company's rebuttal testimony from October 20, 2004, to October 27, 2004.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. SCE&G is granted a one week extension to file the Company's rebuttal testimony.
2. SCE&G shall file its rebuttal testimony on or before **October 27, 2004.**

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/
Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/
G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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